

### **REMARKS**

This is in full and timely response the Office Action dated March 13, 2007. Applicant respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1-4, 6, 8-10, 12, 13, 15-18, 20 and 22 are currently pending, with claims 1, 13 and 22 being independent. Of the above claims 1-4, 8, 12 and 15 are withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 1, 2, 13, and 16 are amended. New claims 22-25 are added.

No new matters have been added.

### **Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103**

**Claims 6, 9-10, 13, 16-18 and 20 are rejected under 35 USC § 103 as being unpatentable over *Nishiguchi et al* (U.S. Patent No. 6,503,629).** This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 13 is amended as attached hereto. As the Office Action acknowledges, *Nishiguchi* does not disclose the  $\alpha_2$  permeability or Tg. Further, by the foregoing amendment, “a base resin comprising a polyol-modified amino-containing epoxy resin obtained by reacting an epoxy resin having an epoxy equivalent of from 180 to 2500 with an amino-containing compound, and a polyol compound” is deleted from claim 13.

To establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness, the prior art reference must teach or suggest all the claim limitations. Here, in this case, *Nichiguchi* fails to teach or suggest all the claim limitations in claim 13.

Thus, by the foregoing amendment to claim 13, Applicant respectfully submits that a *prima facie* case has not been established by the Office Action. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection and allowance of the claim is respectfully requested.

Claims 6, 9-10, 16-18 and 20 are directly or indirectly dependent from claim 13. Further, new claims 22-25 are added. It is respectfully submitted that they are allowable for at least the reasons that claim 13 is allowable respectively stated above. Especially as for claim 16, *Nichiguchi* does not teach or suggest all the claim limitations, more specifically the combination of base resin

(A), (B) and, a crude MDI and hydrogenated MDI. Thus, Claims 6, 9-10, 16-18, 20 and 22-25 are further allowable by reason of the additional limitations set forth therein.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Extension of time fees are paid herewith. However, if any further fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. KPC-0309 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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